



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND
DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

May 8, 2008

EXXONMOBIL CHEMICAL COMPANY
P.O. BOX 2149
BAYTOWN, TX 77522-2149
US

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10758900 in the amount of \$1,550.00 has been denied .

Notice Regarding Request for Refund of Excess Claims Fees

The Office published a final rule notice to provide that an applicant may request a refund of excess claims fees under 37 CFR 1.117. However, the United States District Court for the Eastern District Court of Virginia issued a decision on April 1, 2008, enjoining the USPTO from implementing the changes in the final rule notice. Therefore, the USPTO currently does not have the authority to act on any request for a refund of excess claims fees for canceled claims under 37 CFR 1.117 and provide any such refund.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Streater
Technical Center Others
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FEE REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.117**

First Named Inventor	Patrick Brant et al
Serial Number	10/758,900
Filing Date	January 16, 2004
Title	Analysis Method
Examiner	Arlen Soderquist
Group Art Unit	1743
Confirmation Number	7061
Attorney Docket Number	2004B004

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a refund according to 37 CFR § 1.117 of fees paid in the instant application under 37 CFR § 1.16 (h), (i), (j), or under 1.492 (d), (e) or (f) that have been paid after December 8, 2004, as follows.

An amendment canceling claims was submitted to the USPTO on October 18, 2007, which is within two months of this request for a refund.

Further, the amendment canceling the claims was submitted before examination of the application on the merits, and specifically was before the mailing of any first office action on the merits.

CALCULATION OF FEE REFUND						
	HIGHEST NUMBER OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	MINUS CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	NUMBER OF CLAIMS REDUCED		RATE	REFUND DUE
Total Claims	54	-23	31	X	\$50.00	\$1,550.00
Independent Claims	2	-2	0	X	\$210.00	\$0.00
Application Size Fee Reduction					N/A	
Multiple Dependent Claim <input type="checkbox"/> Added by Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Deleted by Amendment					N/A	
					TOTAL REFUND DUE:	\$1,550.00

Applicant requests a refund in the amount identified in the above calculation box. Please credit the refund to Deposit Account No. 05-1712 (Docket No. 2004B004).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 16, 2007

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